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A world free of neglected tropical diseases



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# Over one billion of the world's most vulnerable people are affected by NTDs.

NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (NTDs) affect an estimated 1.4 billion people worldwide causing disability, childhood malnutrition, blindness, severe disfigurement and reduced productivity.

NTDs typically impact rural and marginalized populations who lack access to safe water, basic health services, and essential medicines.



*The ENVISION project (2011-2016) funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) provides assistance to national NTD programs for the control and elimination of NTDs treatable through the administration of safe, proven and effective drugs.*

## Targeted NTDs:

- Lymphatic Filariasis (elephantiasis)
- Soil-transmitted helminthiases (roundworm, hookworm, whipworm)
- Onchocerciasis (river blindness)
- Blinding Trachoma
- Schistosomiasis (bilharzia, snail fever)

*Pharmaceutical companies donate unprecedented quantities of NTD drugs in support of NTD control and elimination. These donations represent one of the largest public private partnerships in USAID's history.*

## All activities supported by ENVISION contribute to:

- **Increased** mass drug administration coverage among at-risk populations
- **Improved** evidence-base for action to control and eliminate targeted NTDs
- **Strengthened** environment for implementation of national integrated programs of NTD control and elimination

## ENVISION is a global project.

For countries where we work, go to [www.NTDenvision.org](http://www.NTDenvision.org).



# Our goal is to help reduce the burden of NTDs so they are no longer a public health problem.

Operating as part of a country-led approach, ENVISION works with host government Ministries of Health and Education to strengthen national NTD programs and reach 2020 goals for control and elimination – increasing and maintaining program coverage, strengthening capacity, and reducing the disease burden.

**Mapping the burden of disease:** filling gaps to promote evidence-based programming.

**Mass drug administration:** technical and financial support for national NTD program implementation.

**Monitoring and evaluation for NTD programs:** assistance for supportive supervision, data collection and reporting, database management, surveillance, and disease assessments for elimination certification.

**Capacity strengthening:** training in NTD technical, program and financial management; strengthening of national program institutions.

**Tool for Integrated Planning and Costing:** technical assistance and training for implementing the TIPAC.



**Drug and diagnostics procurement:** procurement support for praziquantel, DEC, tetracycline eye ointment, ICT cards, and Kato Katz kits.

**Management of the Technical Assistance Facility (TAF):** mechanism to provide technical support to NTD endemic countries.

**Global NTD policy dialogue:** collaboration with the WHO and partners to advance NTD policy and guidelines development.

**USAID's NTD Database:** management of all NTD data collected with USAID support. Secured access is provided to USAID, WHO and host governments via the ENVISION website.



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*The efforts of WHO, researchers, partners, and the contributions of industry have changed the face of NTDs. These ancient diseases are now being brought to their knees with stunning speed. With the boost to this momentum being made today, I am confident almost all of these diseases can be eliminated or controlled by the end of this decade.*

- Margaret Chan  
Director-General of the World Health Organization  
(WHO/London Declaration Meeting), January 2012

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